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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) 2009 - 2015
Claremont Graduate University
Religion

Master of Arts (M.A.) 2007 - 2008
Wheaton College
History of Christianity and Religion in North America

Bachelor's Degree 2003 - 2006
Fresno Pacific University
Biblical Studies

Professional Certificate 2019 - 2021
HarvardX
Data Science

Verified Certificate 2024 - 2024
edX
MathTrackX: Polynomials,Functions and Graphs

Verified Certificate 2024 - 2024
Harvard Online
Introduction to Computer Science

Verified Certificate 2021 - 2021
MITx Courses
Introduction to Computer Science and Programming Using Python

Publications

Bradley, D., & Smith, C. (2024). Of Generations and Genders: Fanny Alger and the Adoptive Origins of Ritual Sealing. In Secret Covenants: New Insights on Early Mormon Polygamy.

Smith, C. (2024). A Revelation to Get Him a Wife: Joseph Smith's Marriage Proposals to Emma Hale and to Prospective Plural Wives. In Secret Covenants: New Insights on Early Mormon Polygamy.

Smith, C. (2023). A People's History of Book of Mormon Archaeology: Excavating The Role of "Folk" Practitioners in the Emergence of a Field. Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, 56(3). https://www.dialoguejournal.com/articles/a-peoples-history-of-book-of-mormon-archeology-excavating-the-role-of-folk-practitioners-in-the-emergence-of-a-field/

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Smith, C. (2021). The Whites Want Every Thing: Indian-Mormon Relations, 1847–1877. Utah Historical Quarterly, 89(2).

Smith, C. (2020). Review of Jonathan A. Stapley, The Power of Godliness: Mormon Liturgy and Cosmology. Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft, 15(1). https://doi.org/10.1353/mrw.2019.0047

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Smith, C. (2017). Moroni and the Swastika: Mormons in Nazi Germany. The John Whitmer Historical Association Journal, 37(1).

Smith, C. (2016). Mormon conquest: Whites and natives in the intermountain West, 1847–1851. In The Claremont Graduate University. https://www.proquest.com/openview/e7c9ce4cf7a4ffda39fbc7e7d6e70573/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=18750

Smith, C. (2015). Playing Lamanite: Ecstatic Performance of American Indian Roles in Early Mormon Ohio. Journal of Mormon History, 41(3). https://doi.org/10.5406/jmormhist.41.3.131

Smith, C. (2015). The Book of Abraham Crisis: A History. Sunstone Magazine, 179. https://www.academia.edu/17563394/The_Book_of_Abraham_Crisis_A_History

Smith, C. (2013). Anti-Islamic Sentiment and Media Framing during the 9/11 Decade. Journal of Religion and

Society, 15. https://cdr.creighton.edu/bitstream/handle/10504/64317/2013-3.pdf

Smith, C. (2013). The Libyan Revelation: Why Recent Events in Libya Should Revolutionize America's Approach to the Muslim World. Claremont Journal of Religion, 2(1). http://claremontjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/The-Libyan-Revelatin-Why-Recent-Events-in-Libya-Should-Revolutionize-Americas-Approach-to-the-Muslim-World-by-Christopher-C.-Smith.pdf

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Smith, C. (2010). Joseph Smith in Hermeneutical Crisis. Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, 43(2). https://doi.org/10.5406/dialjmormthou.43.2.0086

Cook, A., & Smith, C. (2010). The Original Length of the Scroll of Hôr. Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, 43(4). https://doi.org/10.5406/dialjmormthou.43.4.0001

Smith, C. (2009). The Dependence of Abraham 1:1-3 on the Egyptian Alphabet and Grammar. The John Whitmer Historical Association Journal, 29. https://www.academia.edu/2357346/The_Dependence_of_Abraham_1_1_3_on_the_Egyptian_Alphabet_and_Grammar

Smith, C. (2009). In Defense of a "Christian" Pluralism. Journal for the Renewal of Religion and Theology, 5. https://web.archive.org/web/20120306071542/http://renewtheology.org/paperCSmith0709

Smith, C. (2008). Why Gay Marriage Is an Issue of Rights, Not of Morality. The Pub, 4(1).

Smith, C. (2008). Review of Jeremy M. Bergen, Paul G. Doerksen, and Karl Koop, eds., Creed and Conscience: Essays in Honour of A. James Reimer. Direction Journal, 37(2). https://www.academia.edu/2357367/Review_of_Creed_and_Conscience_Essays_in_Honour_of_A_James_Reimer

Presentations

Papers Presented

AI-Assisted Coordination: Solving Incentive Misalignment in Real Time. (2025). AI for Collective Sensemaking Unconference.

LLMs from the Command Line: A Simple, Ugly, Overpowered Tool. (2025). Google DevFest Troy.

Enterprise-Grade Evals in 15 minutes with Open-Source Tools. (2024). Google DevFest Troy.

Mormons and Mining: A Historical Case Study on Money, Moral Institutions, and Moral Hazard. (2021). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.

Admission 25 Cents: The Exhibition of the Abraham Papyri and the Occultation of the Golden Plates. (2021). John Whitmer Historical Association Conference.

Selling the Book of Mormon for Profit: Reassessing Profit Motive in the Religious Economy. (2019). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.

Contextualizing Joseph Smith's Proposal to Nancy Rigdon. (2019). Sunstone Symposium.

Joseph Smith Didn't Set Out to Start a Church (Let Alone a New Religion). (2017). Sunstone Symposium.

'Chastising' Shoshones and Goshutes, 1850–1851. (2017). Mormon History Association Conference.

Panel discussion on Orson Scott Card. (2017). Association of Mormon Letters Conference.

Managing the Book of Abraham Crisis: A History. (2015). Sunstone West Symposium.

Adoption of Ecstatic Native American Practices in Early Mormon Ohio. (2014). Association for Mormon Letters Conference.

The Book of Mormon and the Myth of the Frontier. (2014). Sunstone Symposium.

Playing Lamanite: Ecstatic Performance of a Re-imagined Indian Identity in Early Mormonism. (2014). Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, May 30, 2014, and Mormon History Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

J. Dunham Lamanite: Early Mormon Leader, Mystic, and Indian Ambassador. (2013). Sunstone Symposium.

Anti-Islamic Sentiment and Media Framing during the 9/11 Decade. (2012). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference.

B. H. Roberts's 1909 General Conference Address on Post-Second Manifesto Polygamy. (2012). Sunstone Symposium.

Book of Mormon Archaeology and the Construction of the 'Lunatic Fringe': Jose Davila, John Brewer, and the Ancient Records of Central Utah. (2012). Sunstone West Symposium.

The Contested Meaning of Democracy in Early Mormonism and Methodism. (2011). Sunstone Symposium.

Early Mormonism as an Apocalyptic, Charismatic Missionary Movement for the Conversion of the American Indians. (2011). American Academy of Religion Western Region Conference.

Rediscovering Joseph Smith's 'Discovery Narrative' in Southern Utah. (2011). Annual Summer Symposium on Mormon Culture.

‘Right of the Firstborn’: Lineage and Heredity in the Theology of Joseph Smith. (2011). Sunstone West Symposium.

‘The Great Spirit Has Told Us That You Are the Man’: American Indian Delegations to Joseph Smith at Nauvoo. (2010). Sunstone West Symposium.

Indian Israelites: American Indians in the Religious Vision of Joseph Smith. (2010). Life and Thought of Joseph Smith Seminar.

Instrumental Mysticism: The Inspired Fictionalization of the United Firm Revelations. (2010). Sunstone Symposium.

The Record of Joseph as Oral Scripture. (2010). Mormon History Association Conference.

What Hath Oxford to Do With Salt Lake? (2010). Claremont Mormon Studies Student Association, Conference.

Adam, Abraham, and Joseph: The Egyptian Alphabet as a Source for the Book of Abraham. (2009). Claremont Mormon Studies Student Association Conference.

The Myth of the Missing Book of Abraham Papyrus. (2009). Sunstone West Symposium, March 28, 2009, and Sacramento Sunstone Study Group.

Sacred Sci-Fi: The Fiction of Orson Scott Card as Mormon Mythmaking. (2009). Sunstone Symposium.

Sibling Rivalry: Why Mormons and Pentecostals Just Can’t Seem to Get Along. (2009). Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology Conference.

Indigenous Agency and the Emergence of Pentecostalism in India. (2008). Conference on Faith and History.

Joseph Smith in Hermeneutical Crisis. (2008). Sunstone Symposium.

Panels Organized

Author Meets Critics: Joseph and Lucy Smith’s Tunbridge Farm: An Archaeology and Landscape Study. (2021). John Whitmer Historical Association Conference.

Does the LDS Church Do More Harm or More Good? (2016). Sunstone Symposium.

Four Views of the Book of Mormon. (2016). Sunstone Symposium.

Four Views of Joseph Smith: Historians Debate the Prophet Puzzle. (2015). Sunstone Symposium.

Worlds Without End. (2014). Sunstone Symposium.

Respondent

The Iroquois as the Lamanite: An Argument for a Contemporary Reading of the Book of Mormon. (2012). Sunstone Symposium.

Awards & Fellowships

Best Open-Source Hack 2023
AECTech Hackathon, Thornton Thomasetti

3rd Place, Epson Connect Hackathon Challenge #2 2023
Seiko Epson Corporation

Best Anthology 2023
John Whitmer Historical Association

Research Fellowship 2018
Brigham Young University Charles Redd Center

Best Dissertation 2017
Mormon History Association

Travel Grant 2017
Mormon History Association

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship 2017
Utah State University

Best History Piece 2015
Latter-day Main Street

CGU-Tanner Graduate Student Research Fellowship 2015
Claremont Graduate University and University of Utah Tanner Humanities Center

Dissertation Fellowship 2015
Claremont Graduate University

Travel Grant 2014
Association of Mormon Letters

Research Fellowship 2011
Annual Summer Seminar on Mormon Culture, Brigham Young University

New Voices Award for New Writers 2010
Dialogue Foundation

Howard W. Hunter Scholarship 2009
Claremont Graduate University

Provost's Award 2008
Wheaton College

Tyndale Scholarship 2008
Wheaton College